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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REUSE OF ABRASIVE FLUID USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF SEMICONDUCTORS

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Documents AF-AH were contained in the Japanese Office Action dated May 17, 2005. A copy of the Office Action is also enclosed.

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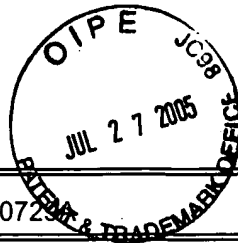
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

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